

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Nanci E. Langley

Investigation of Suspended Post Offices

Docket No. PI2010-1

ORDER CLOSING PROCEEDING

(January 30, 2015)

On November 9, 2009, the Commission initiated this docket to investigate the status of post offices suspended due to lease expirations during the previous five years.¹ It sought to develop information on whether the Postal Service had suspended those post offices without affording the public the rights granted by 39 U.S.C. § 404(d). It sought comments from interested persons and appointed an individual to represent the interests of the general public. *Id.* at 4.

The Commission received 34 initial comments and 6 reply and supplemental comments, as well as several informal inquiries filed off the official record. In Docket No. A2010-1, it established a schedule of periodic reporting whereby the Postal Service was to provide the Commission with periodic reports regarding the closing status of the

¹ Order No. 335, Notice and Order Providing an Opportunity to Comment, November 9, 2009.

Cranberry, PA post office and, if a discontinuance study was authorized, a report detailing the progress of that study.² The Postal Service was directed to provide those reports in the instant docket. *Id.* at 8-9. The Postal Service filed 11 such reports, the most recent on June 3, 2011.³ There has been no activity in this docket since that final report.

On July 14, 2011, the Postal Service revised its procedures for the suspension and closure of post offices.⁴ In light of these revisions and the absence of activity in the docket regarding post office suspensions and closures, the Commission determines that closure of the instant docket is warranted. The Commission will continue to monitor post office closings consistent with its jurisdiction over post office closing appeals, but the instant docket is not presently needed to fulfill those responsibilities. The Commission also receives information on suspensions pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3055.91, and will continue to monitor and report on that information.⁵

Based on its review of the comments, reply comments, supplemental comments, the new suspension procedures, and any recent public input on suspensions, the Commission finds no further action is required at this time.

² Docket No. A2010-1, Order No. 402, Order on Appeal of Cranberry, Pennsylvania Post Office Closing, February 1, 2010.

³ Periodic Report #1 in Response to Order No. 402, March 18, 2010; Periodic Report #2 in Response to Order No. 402, April 30, 2010; Periodic Report #3 in Response to Order No. 402, June 14, 2010; Periodic Report #4 in Response to Order No. 402, July 29, 2010; Periodic Report #5 in Response to Order No. 402, September 10, 2010; Periodic Report #6 in Response to Order No. 402, October 25, 2010; Periodic Report #7 in Response to Order No. 402, December 9, 2010; Periodic Report #8 in Response to Order No. 402, January 21, 2011; Periodic Report #9 in Response to Order No. 402, March 8, 2011; Periodic Report #10 in Response to Order No. 402, April 21, 2011; Periodic Report #11 in Response to Order No. 402, June 3, 2011.

⁴ 76 F.R. 135, 41413 (July 14, 2011)

⁵ See, e.g., Docket No. ACR2013, Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Compliance Determination Report, March 27, 2014 at 119.

It is ordered:

Docket No. PI2010-1 is closed.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary